Sub Bo

(Amended) A support arm for coupling a heart stabilizer to a table, comprising:

a table mount adapted to be secured to the table;

a first linkage coupled to said table mount;

a second linkage pivotally coupled to said first linkage;

a third linkage pivotally coupled to said second linkage; and,

an end effector pivotally coupled to said third linkage and adapted to be coupled to the

heart stabilizer, said end effector having a jaw member with an adjustable spring force.

1

2

(Amended)

The support arm of claim 11, wherein said jaw member

includes a spring biased retractable jaw member that moves relative to a stationary jaw

3 member.

2/3

16. (Amended) A method for coupling a heart stabilizer to a table, comprising:

mounting a support arm to the table;

adjusting a position of the support arm;

coupling the heart stabilizer to an end effector of the support arm; and

adjusting a spring force of a jaw member of the end effector.

Please cancel claims 3 and 13.

The applicant has attached an edited version of the amended claims as an Appendix.

Application No. 09/675,824 Atty. Docket No. 155695-0112 576459

- 2 -

BJY/wrj